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1. BASED ON REPORTING OF STEARNS-CALOGERAS AND KUBISCH-
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BITSIOS CONVERSATIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE PROCEEDED

AS FAR AS YOU PRODUCTIVELY COULD IN ARGUING THE ELEFSIS CASE AND THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO PUSH FURTHER AT THIS TIME FOR A TECHNICAL AGREEMENT ON OUR FUTURE USE OF THE PIER. WE AGREE OUR BEST HOPE IS TO TRY TO OBTAIN GREEK ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR PROPOSAL THAT FINAL DECISION ON POSSIBLE FUTURE US USE OF PIER BE DEFERRED AND THAT US NAVY SHIPS MEANWHILE HAVE PERIODIC ACCESS TO FACILITY. WE APPROVE DRAFT OF STATEMENT YOU PROPOSE TO GIVE BITSIOS. DOD SUGGESTS, IF THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT USEFUL, THE AMENDMENT OF THE LAST LINE OF THE NOTE SO THAT IT READS:

"UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT AND AFTER AN INTERVAL OF TWO MONTHS FROM THE DEPARTURE OF THE LAST HOMEPORTED UNIT, VISITS OF SHIPS OF THE SIXTH FLEET TO THE ELEFSIS PIER WOULD BE GRADUALLY RESUMED AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE PER MONTH FOR THE ONE YEAR PERIOD."

2. REGARDING HELLENIKON, WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF YOUR REPORT (ATHENS 5229) ON FINAL SUBGROUP MEETING AND WILL REVIEW SITUATION WITH US TEAM UPON ITS RETURN TO WASHINGTON. THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD AGREE WITH THE NEGOTIATING STRATEGY OUTLINED IN ATHENS 5142, PARAGRAPH 3. THUS IF YOU BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN OVERALL CONTEXT OF US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS, YOU MAY INFORM CALOGERAS THAT WE WILL BEGIN NOW TO DRAW DOWN NUMBER OF US PERSONNEL AT HELLENIKON TOWARD 1150 LEVEL.
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